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RECONDITIONING)
DIGITAL DISCS)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)
FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS AND
U.S. UNPUBLISHED APPLICATIONS**

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Pursuant to MPEP 609(D), Applicant respectfully requests that the pending U.S. patent applications listed below be considered in the examination of the above-identified application on other than a Form PTO-1449 format to avoid the application serial numbers of the pending applications being published on any future patents. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art.

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It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the listed references.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing with respect to the above-identified patent application are:

- 1) an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c), Form PTO/SB/08A (Substitute for Form 1449A-B/PTO) and cited references; and
- 2) an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c) for U.S. Patent Application Publications and U.S. Unpublished Applications, and cited references.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(c), the references listed below and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (Substitute for Form 1449A-B/PTO) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art.

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OTHER REFERENCES

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